

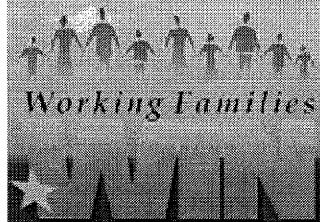
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"We continue to be amazed that the union leadership uses its members' due in attempting to organize our team members instead of trying to find jobs for the thousands of Culinary union members who have been laid off during this recession," Nelson said.

Approximately 5,500 Station Casinos employees work in departments that the Culinary union represents at other casinos, Holmes said.

Those departments include front-line service positions, including house keeping, bartending, restaurant workers, porters and other nongaming casino and hotel positions.

The Culinary union represents about 55,000 workers on the Strip and downtown.

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